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In re Patent No. 5,794,847  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed December 13, 2010 to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e) must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No extension of this two-month time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

Any petition for reconsideration of this decision must be accompanied by the petition fee of \$400 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f). The petition for reconsideration must include the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A petition to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee under 35 U.S.C. 41(c) and 37 CFR 1.378(c) must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the delay was unintentional; (2) payment of the appropriate maintenance fee, unless previously submitted; (2) payment of the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2). This petition lacks item (2) above.

A review of the record shows the NOTICE OF NON-ACCEPTANCE OF PATENT MAINTENANCE FEE mailed on September 9, 2010 informed patentee that the \$2,120.00 fees were being refunded as the fees were untimely. Further, a call made on February 23, 2011 requesting the submission of the \$2,055.00 maintenance fee has failed to result in the submission of the maintenance fee.

The Office is in receipt of \$1640.00, the unintentional fee.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlema Grant", followed by a stylized flourish.

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